

WORLD SERIES —

Kansas City	Newark
Thompson, 2nd	Wilks, cf
Souell, 3b	Israel, 3b
Scott, lf	Doby, 2b
W. Brown, cf	Irvin, ss
Strong, rf	Pearson, 1b
O'Neill, 1b	Davis, lf
Hamilton, ss	Harvey, rf
Taborn, c	Parks or Ruffin, c
Paige, H. Smith, Day, Coles, Peace	
C. Johnson or	Hooker, Boyd or
LaMarque, p	Manning, p

NEWARK, N. J. — Those ram-raging Newark Eagles, winners of the Negro National League's first and second halves which gives them the championship without any playoff, are ready for the Kansas City Monarchs and Satchel Paige for the Negro world title. The Monarchs won both halves of the Negro American League.

Series opens in the N. Y. Polo Grounds on Tuesday, Sept. 17, under the arc lights and moves to this city for Thursday, Sept. 19, another night game. In event that the Joe Louis versus Tami Maurel world title bout scheduled for Yankee stadium in New York city on Wednesday, Sept. 18, is postponed because of rain, the second world series game, will be played here Friday night, Sept. 20 instead of Sept. 19.

Both clubs will fly to Kansas City for the third game which will be played in Ruppert stadium on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 22, and the fourth game on Monday night, Sept. 23. A fifth game, if necessary, will be played in Chicago on Wednesday night, Sept. 25. Remaining games for the best four out of seven will be played in Newark.

THE WINNING of the Negro National league title puts Newark on top in the baseball world for the reason that it is a triumph for Mrs. Effa Manley, wife of the genial Abe Manley who was about ready to quit baseball three years ago after dropping \$100,000 before making a red penny. Adhering to the plea of his wife, he decided to turn the destiny of the club over to her and to continue.

In 1944, the Eagles came out of the red. It was the first time in years that the Manleys, husband and wife, didn't go to the bank on the first and the 15th of each month to draw out money to pay off the ball players and for other operating expenses. Last year, 1945, the club netted in seven figures. The Manleys are on top now. The club has lost two of its last 17 games.

Good pitching and good hitting has brought the title to Newark. Leon Day who pitched the army team to victory over the ex-major leaguers in London in 1945 and who hurled in the recent East-West contest, is eighth in the pitching in the league with 11 victories and four defeats in 16 games as of Sept. 3. Peace of Newark has won three and lost none in six games to top the list. Manning has won 11 and lost one in 19 games and Lewis has won 9 and lost one. Newark thus has the top three hurlers. Added to these Newark possesses Hooker with five won and five lost and Coles with two won and two lost.

AS FOR HEAVY hitters, take a peep at this: Monty Irvin led the league batters with .395. Remember last year, Jackie Robinson, now leading the International league, was sixth in the Negro American league. Doby is fifth with .348 followed by Patterson with .337 and Davis with .335. Pearson is batting .332, Harvey .286 and Ruffin .262.

It is doubtful if Greene, Kansas City catcher, will be able to play in the series. He suffered a compound fracture of a finger in the game against the Clowns in St. Louis on Aug. 30. Taborn, a St. Louis youngster who has been subbing this season, will draw the backstop duty.

KANSAS CITY also has some hitters. Hilton Smith, a pitcher, has a batting average of .449 in 23 games. O'Neil, first sacker, is batting .353 in 51 games. Willard Brown, the home run king and centerfielder, has a .338 average and Thompson, second baseman, is hitting a .304 clip. Scott is batting .296 and Ted Strong, late of the Seabees, is hitting .290. Cornelius Johnson, pitcher, is hitting .270 in 15 games.

The pitching record of the Monarchs is impressive. Cornelius Johnson has won 13, lost 8; LaMarque has won 13, lost 7; Hilton Smith won 11, lost 7; Wylie won 10, lost 6, and Ford Smith won 4, and lost none. Satchel Paige will pitch in some of the series games. Betting is that he will win the games he hurls. However, the Newark batters have no respect for any pitcher.

THE HOMESTEAD GRAYS of Washington won the world series from the Birmingham Black Barons in 1944. Last year, the Cleveland Buckeyes defeated the Grays in four straight to take the championship west. The first Negro world series was played between the Kansas City Monarchs and the Hilldale club of Darby, Pa., in 1924. The series opened in Philadelphia. The Monarchs took the championship.

Frank Duncan, veteran catcher, and Monarch manager, hopes to repeat this year. The Newark club is managed by Bizz Mackey, veteran backstop and one of the shrewdest men in the game today.

The series promises to be good pitching against good hitting — and any team can win in a short series.